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Honorable Barry Goldwater
 Chairman
 Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
 G-308 Dirksen Senate Office Building
 Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write in strong support of the nomination of Mr. John N. McMahon to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

During the past nearly five years of this Committee's existence, it has held frequent meetings with Mr. McMahon. He has impressed me with his honesty, integrity and forthrightness. During those years, he has held several of the most senior, sensitive and responsible positions in the Central Intelligence Agency and he has carried out those assignments in an exemplary fashion.

As the Deputy Director for Operations, Mr. McMahon was responsible for some of the most sensitive operations our nation's intelligence services carry out. Under his guidance, the DDO enhanced its professionalism and reinvigorated its morale.

During his tenure as the Deputy Director for Intelligence, Mr. McMahon carried out a major and long overdue restructuring of CIA's analytic assets, bringing cross-discipline capabilities to bear on key issues in a more effective way.

In recognition of his managerial talents, Director Casey appointed John McMahon to the newly recreated position of Executive Director of the CIA. Now, with the retirement of Admiral Inman, Mr. McMahon has been chosen by the President to become the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

When Admiral Inman's name was before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for confirmation as Deputy Director, I wrote to you endorsing him for that position. In doing so, I stressed his attributes of integrity, deep honesty and well reasoned decisionmaking. The Intelligence Community, the CIA and the nation can be gratified that those very same attributes apply to Mr. McMahon.

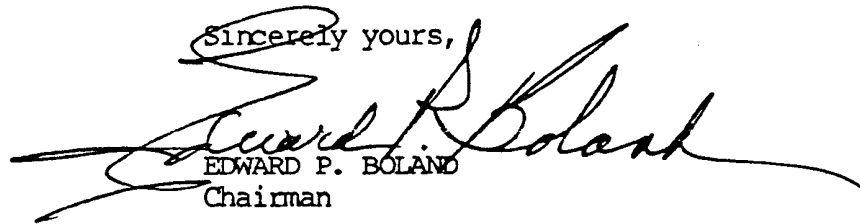
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John McMahon is an excellent manager, a widely experienced intelligence officer and a well respected senior government official. I am confident that he will do well in his new assignment.

I am certain that all the Members of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence join with me in giving an unqualified endorsement to this fine American for the post to which he has been nominated.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward P. Boland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

EDWARD P. BOLAND
Chairman